

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. *(Currently amended)* A computer-implemented method for restricting use of a clipboard application by a method, the method comprising:

receiving, ~~in a multi-application computing environment,~~ a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first, source application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, where the secured file cannot be accessed without *a priori* knowledge; and

preventing subsequent usage of the designated content in a second, destination application via the clipboard application when the determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

2. *(Previously presented)* The computer-implemented method recited in claim 1, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application.

3. *(Previously presented)* The computer-implemented method recited in claim 2, wherein the paste selection requests to paste the designated content to a destination file that is opened within the destination application.

4. *(Previously presented)* The computer-implemented method recited in claim 2, wherein the copy selection is a copy command, and wherein the paste selection is a paste command.

5. *(Currently amended)* The computer-implemented method recited in claim 1, wherein the determining operates to determine that the source file is a secured file based on security information provided by the first source application.

6. *(Previously presented)* The computer-implemented method recited in claim 5, wherein the security information pertains to the source document.

7. *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein said preventing comprises:

 storing blank content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content when said determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

8. *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 7, wherein said preventing comprises:

 storing the designated content to the clipboard application when said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

9. *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 8, wherein said method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application;

supplying the blank content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining determines that the source file is secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

10. *(Previously presented)* The computer-implemented method recited in claim 1, wherein the preventing comprises:

storing predetermined content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content when the determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

11. *(Previously presented)* The computer-implemented method recited in claim 10, wherein the preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application when the determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

12. *(Previously presented)* The computer-implemented method recited in claim 11, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application;

supplying the predetermined content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when the determining determines that the source file is a secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when the determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

13. *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 1, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing scrambled content to the clipboard application instead of the designated content when said determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

14. *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 13, wherein said preventing comprises:

storing the designated content to the clipboard application when said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

15. *(Withdrawn)* A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 14, wherein said method further comprises:

receiving a paste selection to provide the designated content to the destination application;

supplying the scrambled content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining determines that the source file is a secured file; and

supplying the designated content from the clipboard application to the destination application in response to the paste selection when said determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

16. *(Currently amended)* A computer-implemented method for restricting use of a clipboard application, the method comprising:

receiving, ~~in a multi-application computing environment,~~ a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first, source application;

determining whether the source file is a secured file, where the secured file cannot be accessed without *a priori* knowledge; and

preventing subsequent storage of the designated content to a second, destination application via the clipboard application when the determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

17. *(Previously presented)* The computer-implemented method recited in claim 16, wherein the method further comprises:

storing alternate content to the clipboard application in place of the designated content when the determining determines that the source file is a secured file.

18. *(Previously presented)* The computer-implemented method recited in claim 17, wherein the alternate content is one or more of blank content, predetermined content, and scrambled content.

19. *(Previously presented)* The computer-implemented method recited in claim 17, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application when the determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

20. *(Previously presented)* The computer-implemented method recited in claim 16, wherein the computer-implemented method further comprises:

permitting storage of the designated content to the clipboard application when the determining determines that the source file is not a secured file.

21. *(Currently amended)* The computer-implemented method recited in claim 20, wherein the determining operates to determine that the source file is a secured file based on security information provided by the first source application.

22. *(Previously presented)* The computer-implemented method as recited in claim 21, wherein the security information pertains to the source document.

23 - 39. *(Canceled)*

40. *(Currently amended)* A computer readable storage medium ~~comprising~~ having computer program code recorded thereon, that when executed by a processor, causes ~~that enables~~ a processor to restrict use of a clipboard application by a method, the ~~computer readable medium~~ method comprising:

~~computer program code enabling the processor to receive~~ receiving, in a multi-application computing environment, a copy selection associated with designated content of a source file being displayed by a first, source application;

~~computer program code enabling the processor to determine~~ determining whether the source file is a secured file, where the secured file cannot be accessed without *a priori* knowledge; and

~~computer program code enabling the processor to prevent~~ preventing subsequent usage of the designated content in a second, destination application via the clipboard application when the determining determines that the source file is a secured file.